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PASS AGRICULTURE

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SUBJ: PRC HIRES US CONSULTANT

1. SUMMARY. THE PRC HAS HIRED A US SPECIALIST TO STAY
IN CHINA FOR ONE YEAR AND SUPERVISE THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF MECHANIZED CHICKEN FARMS IN CANTON AND PEKING.
END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROBABLY THROUGH ITS
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY) HAS HIRED MR. ROLLAND HSU, A
CHINESE-MAERICAN FROM LOS ANGELES, TO SUPERVISE AND
DIRECT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MECHANIZED CHICKEN FARMS IN
CANTON AND PEKING. MR. HSU, A PH.D. IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, IS RESIDING
IN THE TUNG FANG HOTEL IN CANTON WHERE USLO OFFICER HAD
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HIM DURING THE CANTON FAIR.

3. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS FIRST SUGGESTED
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THAT HSU ACCEPT A POSITION IN CHINA WHEN HE
DELIVERED A TECHNICAL LEACTURE ON MECHANIZED CHECKEN
RAISING TO THEM LAST YEAR. AT THE TIME HSU WAS
A SENIOR OFFICER IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND
MANAGEMENT CORP., LOS ANGELES. HE WAS LECTURING
ON ADVANCED US TECHNOLOGY AND IT WAS
APPARENT THAT HIS PRESENTATION REVEALED TO THE

CHINESE ANSWERS TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING IN THIS FIELD. (ACCORDING TO HSU, PRC TECHNIQUES ARE US TECHNIQUES OF THE 1950'S RECEIVED THIRD-HAND VIA EUROPE AND EASTERN EUROPE.)

4. THE CHINESE ASKED HSU TO COME TO CHINA FOR TWO YEARS AND TO DIRECT AND SUPERVISE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MODERN MECHANIZED POULTRY FARMS. HSU CONSIDERED THE OFFER AND EARLY THIS YEAR AGREED TO A ONE YEAR CONTRACT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. AFTER SOME INFIGHTING AMONG LOCAL CHINESE ADMINISTRATORS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT HSU WOULD FIRST SPEND SIX MONTHS IN CANTON WHERE HE WILL SUPERVISE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 100,000 BIRD BROILER FARM AND THEN TRAVEL TO PEKING TO REPEAT THE ASSIGNMENT THERE DURING HIS LAST SIX MONTHS. WHILE IN PEKING HE WILL ALSO BE ADVISING THE MINISTRY ON HOG RAISING.

5. IN THE NEAR FUTURE HSU WILL BE GOING TO HONG KONG TO RECEIVE DELIVERY OF CHECKS FOR THE CANTON FARM WHICH ARE BEIMKCPCPORTED FROM CALIFORNIA. HSU, WHO WORKED IN LARGE CHECKEN FARMS IN SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, WILL BE TRYING TO ACHIEVE US PRODUCTIVITY LEVELS IN CANTON. US BROILERS REACH SLAUGHTER WEIGHT IN EIGHT WEEKS WHILE THE CHINESE TOLD HSU THAT FIVE MONTHS' TIME IS REQUIRED IN THE PRC. THE
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MECHANIZED FARM WILL BE PRODUCING POULTRY FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, RATHER THAN FOR EXPORT. HSU WILL ALSO BE ADVISING ON DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; HE HAS LEARNED THAT BOTH NEWCASTLE DISEASE AND, PARTICULARLY, CRD ARE SEVEREPROBLEMS IN CHINA

6. COMMENT: VARIOUS PRC OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED CHINA'S READINESS TO HAVE FOREIGN AND PARTICULARLY OVERSEAS CHINESE SPECIALISTS IN CHINA, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST CASE OF THE PRC'S ACTUALLY HIRING AN AMERICAN OVERSEAS CHINESE THAT WE KNOW OF.
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